August 6, 1976

Dear Harold & Lil

Been on vacation and mmm vacillating amid the vagaries of the aluminum industry's continuing saga of price hike (trek would be a better word) -- all of which is to say I am (once again) sorry to fall behind on mailings of clips from New York.

There is a savingngrace this time, However, because at least there is one up-to-the-minute item on the disappearance of ~~[illegible]~~ Johnny Roselli, who they probably will say went the way of Tony Bender (Anthony Strollo) and not the way of Dave Ferrie, which would be more to our liking and probably closer to the truth.

The ~~[illegible]~~ column from the New York Daily News' Inquiring Photographer is included for comic relief. It has been Daily News policy since Orphan Annie was born to tie the questions and culled responses to the Inquiring Photographer's hot topical question to some position the paper is interested in pushing at any given time (Remember Jimmy Jemail?).

Anyhow, the Daily News on July 4 launched the Frank Sturgis (a.k.a. Fiorino) saga ~~[illegible]~~ which launched weepy jack ruby

into the stratosphere as top negotiator for the mob with such luminaries as the brothers Casto and Che Guevera. This is how legends are made, remade, etc in the Medill, Patterson McCormick empire. Notice the question advances the Castro retalliation mythology for the benefit of the such who read the inquiring photographer. and notice that none of the responses challenge the hypothesis. but i grow pedagogic.

My best to you both and also the frequently violated promise to get the clips out faster. AND LEARN TO TYPE

Bob Regan

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P.S. HEAR ABOUT THE TOOTH-ACHED PATIENT WHO REFUSED NOVACAINE BECAUSE HE WANTED TO TRANSCEND DENTAL MEDICATION?

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LOADED FOR BEAR

An air of undisguised satisfaction pervaded the Israeli delegation as it prepared for today's debate in the United Nations Security Council over the daring, long-range commando strike which freed more than 100 hostages held by terrorists in Uganda.

Chaim Herzog

Theoretically, Uganda and her African neighbors have Israel in the dock, charged with aggression.

But Ambassador Chaim Herzog intends to turn the tables on the accusers. He will come armed with eyewitness evidence that Uganda's posturing, puffed-up strongman, Idi Amin, played footsie with the terrorists from start to finish.

If Herzog has the goods on Amin—and we suspect he has—the Third World members of the Security Council will be (1) forced to back off in embarrassment and confusion, or (2) blindly support Amin and publicly endorse international banditry.

The U.S. and its allies also plan to turn the session into a full-dress discussion of global terrorism and the UN's position on it. They have picked a perfect test case. The criminal act of the skyjackers and Israel's response are parts of a single whole.

The Council cannot condemn one and ignore the other unless it is prepared to surrender its last vestige of honor and respectability.

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Inquiring Photographer

By JOHN STAPLETON

THE QUESTION

If proof comes to light that Castro had a hand in the assassination of JFK, what, if anything, should be done about it?

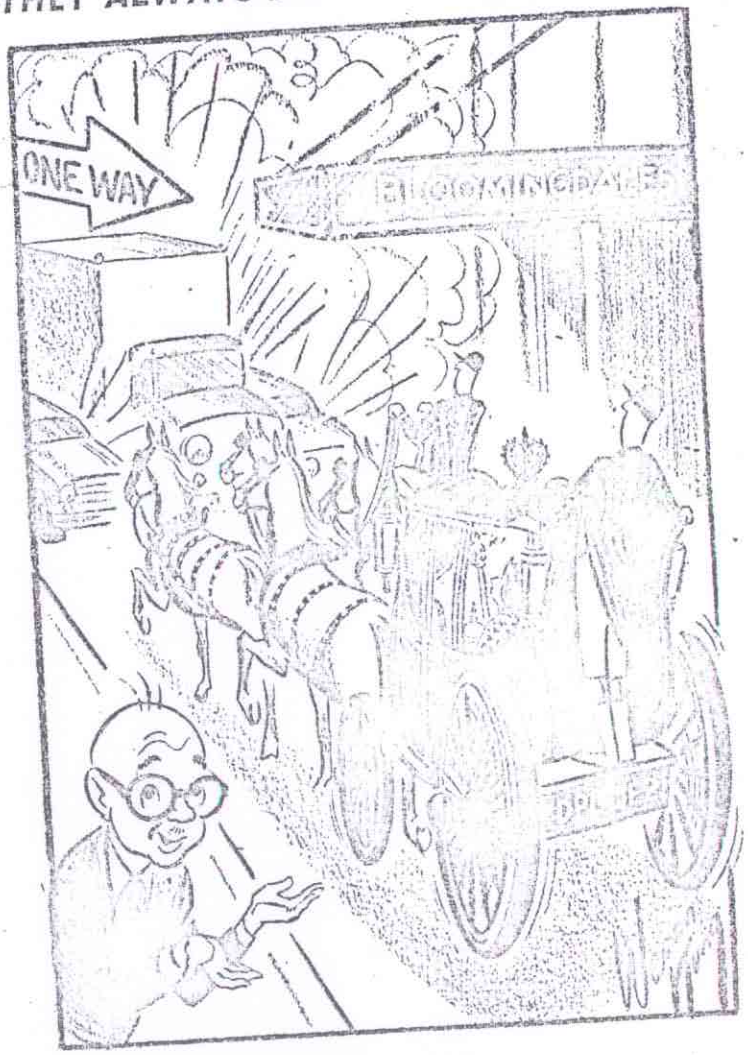
THE ANSWERS

Raymond Ruiz, textile exporter: "Nothing. We can't go to war with Cuba over it, something that could have happened if such proof were made public following the assassination. But we ought to maintain a freeze on Cuban-American relations at least until Castro is no longer in power."

Vicki Grubman, secretary: "If this can be proved, keeping it quiet for 13 years probably kept us out of a war which public opinion would have almost certainly demanded. During the CIA hearings, I read that the CIA is supposed to have tried to assassinate Castro several times. That could be the connection."

Ralph Technow, watch and clock repairman: "Even if the proof is forthcoming, we won't do anything. Traditionally, the U.S. has

THEY ALWAYS DRIVE THE WRONG WAY



VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

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The two units of City U were directed to trim expenses by 15%. The arrogant prexies say they won't trim any more than the 8% or 9% demanded of university branches in Manhattan. What is more, Murphy challenged Kibbee to try to fire him. If, as Murphy suggests, Kibbee doesn't have the power to do so, the revamped Board of Higher Education ought to step right in and swing the ax on the defiant duo.

Both are guilty of rank insubordination, and should be ousted unceremoniously.

ANYTHING FOR A LADY

Among the enormously important things we had never known till now is that British royalty always, but always, alights from a limousine on the right side.

Thus, a nasty little crisis blew up when Queen Elizabeth II decided to visit Bloomingdale's this afternoon—Bloomingdale's, of all stores, located on the east side of southbound Lexington Ave.

Should the Queen forsake protocol and get out of the left side of her coach? Heavens, no! Democracy gallantly surrendered to tradition, and a section of the avenue is being closed off so she can alight with right, royal dignity.

There's some kind of lesson here in international relations, or New York hospitality, but we're sorry to say that we can't quite put our finger on it.

A STICKY SITUATION

Patrons of the Public Library branch on W. 100th St. are understandably miffed because the staff closed up shop on Wednesday, claiming that the heat and humidity made life unbearable.

According to weather data, conditions weren't all that bad. But what really incensed the residents is that they—at the behest of the librarians—had mounted a vocal campaign to keep the library open.

We hope the employes will get a stern lecture from their superiors. If they can't display more dedication, they could at least show a little more gratitude.

WE CAN'T SEEM TO WIN

New York City is in danger of losing a $9 million medical laboratory which would provide 1,000 jobs because the State Senate failed to pass a law changing the billing procedures for such facilities.

The New Jersey-based firm is still willing to go through with the deal if the chamber okays the measure upon its return next month. Let's give that bill a high priority, gentlemen.

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clack repeatedman: "Even if the proof is forthcoming, we won't do anything. Traditionally, the U.S. has always let bygones be bygones. Nothing we might do at this late date is going to change the past."

Marshall Levy, collections correspondent: "We certainly can't go to Cuba and say that since you killed one of our Presidents, we are going to retaliate. Castro will fall into international disrepute if it is proved that he was involved in the JFK assassination."

Mrs. Fran Felner, receptionist: "I don't know. If we take action against Cuba, we would get involved with Russia and any direct action might become the start of another world war. No matter how reprehensible this act was, it wouldn't justify starting any kind of military action."

Mario Vassallo, owner greeting card shop: "All we can do is to maintain complete isolation from Cuba, as we have done for so many years. And as far as any thaw in diplomatic and trade relations is concerned, as long as Castro is in control, forget it."

The News will pay $10 for each question accepted for this column.

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Manhattan: I would like to correct certain errors contained in your recent story, "City to Pay 750G for 116 Site for Unwanted Park?" The property that you refer to was purchased from various owners beginning in 1954. The property has since been filled, improved with streets, sewers, bulkheading, etc., in anticipation of development for housing. My cost of the past 22 years is considerably in excess of $750,000. The $14,012.56 payment referred to in your article was not made by me, nor was it made in 1966. The payment was made on July 15, 1969, by two title companies to the city in order to secure titles to properties that they had insured, a portion of which was owned by me and by 14 individual private homeowners. I am bringing this to your attention to assure that you have all the relevant facts, and in the event that you write further about this property.

SHELDON H. SOLOW

CRIED THE LOUDEST

Staten Island: Your editorial endorsing the rehiring of firemen rather than police officers was out of order. Many other uniformed forces and agencies are as undermanned as the Fire Department, but Fire Commissioner John T. O'Hagan was the only top brass with the nerve to publicly state that his dwindled force cannot do the job properly. O'Hagan has demonstrated that the "squeaky wheel gets the grease." His success, however, does not justify the results.

A POLICE SERGEANT

BLESS HIM

Queens: As I was walking my rounds as a postman recently, I saw a man actually cleaning up after his dog. I was really surprised. If other people would do that, maybe the city wouldn't be such a mess.

MORRIS SILVERMAN

KUDOS

Manhattan: I would like to congratulate The News staff photographers for their tremendous coverage of Operation Sail that was shown so graphically in this past Monday's editions.

LESTER LANIN

CRIME & PUNISHMENT

Bronx: I read with interest a recent item in the "News Briefs" column concerning a stenographer who was charged with defrauding the welfare department of $3,220 and was fired from her job in Bronx District Attorney Mario Merola's office. The fascinating part is that she faces up to seven years in jail if convicted. Yet Bernard Bergman, who admitted stealing over $1 million, may do only as much as four months. Whoever said "crime does not pay" didn't know what he was talking about.

A DETECTIVE

REVOLT BREWING

Bay Shore: Why are we celebrating the bicentennial year? It was 200 years ago that the American Revolution was fought in defiance of taxes arbitrarily imposed upon us. Today, we are still heavily taxed by federal, state and city governments. What are the American people going to do this time?

A. HERSHKOWITZ

EVERYONE'S SYMBOL

Brooklyn: Hats off to the bicentennial for returning the flag to all Americans. It seems that about 10 years ago the flag was suddenly taken over as the exclusive property of forces on the right wing of the political spectrum. It's good to have Old Glory back again.

HANK McMANUS

LEND A HAND

Bronx: Attention, Orchard Beachers. On your next visit, spend a few moments to pick up the bottles and cans that have been discarded so carelessly, and deposit them in the convenient receptacles. A united effort can restore Orchard Beach to its position as a major city attraction of cleanliness and safety.

EMPEY

POT & KETTLE

Manhattan: Movie columnist Rex Reed has a lot of nerve criticizing Truman Capote's performance in "Murder By Death." Talk about bitchery! The public will never forget Reed's debut in "Myra Breckenridge"—it was one of the major disasters ever perpetrated on the silver screen.

JOHN A.